

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 9-17 remain pending in this application. No claims have been canceled or added.

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 9-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Blanset et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,747,040). These rejections are traversed as follows.

Claim 9 has been amended to clearly differentiate the present invention from Blanset et al. Claim 9 as amended recites that the computer system has a plurality of hardware devices, a first operating system (OS) assigned with a first hardware resource, a second OS assigned with a second hardware resource, wherein the first and second OSs are executed independently of each other by a single processor. A multi-OS driver is activated as a device driver and stored in a common area of a virtual memory used by the first and second OSs. The multi-OS driver accepts interrupts from the single processor and executes independently of the operation of the first and second OSs. Claim 9 also recites that one of the first and second OSs runs independently of the other of the first and second OSs without hardware and software for a privilege instruction to be executed by each of the first and second OSs. It is submitted that these features, in combination with the other features of claim 9 patentably define the present invention over the cited art.

Blanset et al disclose a dual operating system computer that supports the UNIX and MS-DOS operating systems. Notwithstanding the portions relied upon by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action, Blanset et al do not disclose the above-mentioned features of the present invention. In particular, Blanset et al do not disclose that one of the first and second OSs runs independently of the other of the first and second OSs without hardware and software for a privilege instruction to be executed by each of the first and second OSs. As such, it is submitted that the pending claims patentably define the present invention over the cited art.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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